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THE BIG TWO AND THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

When Dwight D. Eisenhower and Nikita Khrushchev meet each will think himself as head of a state, whose security and interests he must guard and mote. Each will have in mind the huge military establishment which he com- nds and the right it imparts to his words--or silences. Each will meditate on at "the others" think and what, in view of such thinking, he can expect to "get ay with"--Khrushchev will think of the hard-core Stalinists, perhaps, who will stroy him politically if in a moment soft-headedness he jeopardizes the curity of the "workers' state" or ws the pace of the "world revolu- n." Eisenhower, in turn, may think those business pals of his and of ir reaction to the "peace jitters" ich seized the Stock Exchange the after the Khrushchev-Eisenhower ks were announced and cut the mar- value of stocks by $7 billion.

In such an atmosphere, on such unds, they will attempt to make an ngement, a deal which will reflect balance of power. But the time en such a deal could be made is t. In the nuclear age, something bet- is needed.

Because so much is at stake, we st hope against hope that they will erience a "moment of truth" in the rse of those private conversations-- noment of truth in which they would truly frank with each other about h factors as their respective allies-- enhower about De Gaulle and Aden- r, Khrushchev about Mao.

A moment of truth in which they uld realize that they have no power ept from God and "there is no re- ct of persons with Him."

A moment of truth in which the grand stractions would vanish from their nds and they would face the ultimate lities of our time: human beings of inite worth among whom they are num- ed and the threat of nuclear catas- phe in the face of which these hu- n beings, including themselves, are infinitely helpless if they do not stop playing, gambling, with abstractions and H-bombs and somehow learn to love one another.

Where so much is at stake, let men pray--hard--in whatever fashion they have been taught or be able to pray.

--A. J. Muste

No Resumption of Nuclear Tests!

"We urge the powers not to resume tests unilaterally so that statesmen may have time to achieve agreements, and the international situation may not deteriorate. A treaty to cease all tests -- atmospheric, space, and underground -- should be urgently sought, not least since it...may lead to verified disarmament, and will help to eliminate dreaded risks to health.

"We affirm that no nation is justified in deciding on its own responsibility to conduct nuclear weapons tests when the people of other nations who have not given their consent may have to bear the consequences.

"Therefore, we call on each nation contemplating tests to give full recognition to this moral responsibility as well as to considerations of national defense and international security."

--Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, at its annual meeting on the Island of Rhodes, Greece, August 26, 1959.

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Luthuli Calls for Nonviolence In Aftermath of S. Africa Riots

On September 6, some 1,000 Africans met in Durban, Natal Province, South Africa, to plan nonviolent resistance to segregation policies there. The meeting was called by Chief Albert Luthuli, FOR member and president of the African National Congress, who is restricted to his home 50 miles away.

In a speech read in his absence, Chief Luthuli called upon his countrymen to abjure violent struggle which "would probably leave a heritage of bitterness." In mid-August, some 200 Africans, most of them women, were jailed when they rioted for a week in protest against living conditions in Natal.

Is Peace Moving on *Your* Campus?

Bulk orders for extra copies of the Sept. 1 issue of FELLOWSHIP, featuring "Peace Moves on the Campus" by Allan Brick, have reached 300 as we go to press. Most of them are from the College Peace Union, AFSC offices and the Dartmouth College peace group.

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According to the South African I stitute of Race Relations, only 20 p cent of Africans living in Durban, ca tal of Natal, earn more than $42 month. This is considered $22 bel the absolute minimum required to ma tain health. It was also stated that d ing the past year, 1/3 of all Afric children admitted to King Edward V hospital in Durban were there becau of malnutrition, and of these 643 (m than 1/3) died at the hospital.

Elsewhere, in Pretoria, the Treas Trials reopened. Thirty defendants a being tried under a new indictme charging the accused, who are oppo ents of *apartheid*, with seeking to ov throw the South African government violence "inspired by Communist fa ticism, Bantu nationalism and rac hatred in various degrees."

On July 31, in Capetown, Anglic Archbishop Joost de Blank, a lead opponent of *apartheid*, responded criticism by Premier H. F. Verwo with a proposal that both he and latter return to their native Holla Verwoerd had told Dr. Blank that "does not belong to South Africa." August 14, the Archbishop convene four-hour multiracial meeting of rep sentatives of various church and se lar organizations, which issued a re lution charging that South Africa "failed to achieve social justice" has "destroyed civil liberty." T resolution called for major reforms the constitution of South Africa guarantee "the liberties and rights all races."

Quote / Unquote

"The immediate choice is betwee world of potential and annihilating and a world that has faced the task abandoning war forever....It is clear t a major nuclear war will probably cha the course of history more shatterin than any event that has taken or co take place. What would follow it is worth our speculation."

--F. Le Gros Cla in *The New Reaso* (Engla

NEWS from the peace front

In Montgomery, Alabama, last month, Montgomery Improvement Associa- n launched a campaign for public hool integration. The MIA, whose sident is FOR Advisory Council mber Martin Luther King Jr., sent ters to members of the Montgomery hool Board asking them to make a easonable start" toward desegre- ion of classrooms when schools en this fall.

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In a resolution presented to the ntral Committee of the World Coun- of Churches, called last month for e negotiations between the French vernment and Algerian rebel leaders. e resolution, framed by the Com- s sion of the Churches on International fairs, added that if negotiations fail, nternational mediation...would be- me not only unavoidable, but also ghly desirable." In a reference to leged atrocities committed in the Algerian war, the resolution offered support to "churches and individuals in France denouncing and opposing abuses of varying kinds."

The French government is maintaining censorship over reports of atrocities committed against Algerian rebels and at least two books, *La Gangrene* and *La Question,* have been banned. The latter, by Henri Alleg, has been published in an English translation in the United States.

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The U. S. Court of Appeals recently upheld the decision of a lower court that a claim of conscientious objection must be filed with the registrant's local draft board before the order to report for induction is issued. The decision was reached on April 8 in the case of Keene vs. United States, and is reported in detail in the September *Selective Service,* a monthly bulletin distributed to draft boards.

GIL CONTINUES. *Six members of the FOR-sponsored Vigil at Fort Detrick nd in silent protest at the entrance to the germ warfare factory. According to gil Director Lawrence Scott, more people like this are needed as participants. ott has prepared a sheet of action suggestions for the guidance of those who nt to help make the Vigil effective both at Fort Detrick and at home. It is avail- le from Appeal at Fort Detrick, 327 N. Market, Frederick, Md.*

Direct Actionists Plan to Enter French Nuclear Test Area in Algeria

In London last month the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War was discussing the possibility of an international team of nonviolent resisters conducting an overland "Golden Rule" expedition into the French nuclear testing area in the Sahara desert.

The plan, still in its early stages, calls for a team consisting of several Africans and one or two representatives from France, Germany, Britain and the United States.

The Direct Action Committee has challenged the French government's claim that the scheduled test zone is uninhabited, and quotes a French geologist as saying that the area is a "green belt...unique in the whole Sahara" peopled by some "200,000 Arabs, Berbers, Jews and Negroes" whose lives would be threatened by fallout from the tests.

The proposed nonviolent expedition is part of an ongoing program cosponsored by the Committee of African Organizations. The two groups picketed the French embassy in London on August 28 and conducted a protest march on August 30.

Earlier, a conference of nine independent African states met in Monrovia, Liberia, on August 8 and urged France to withdraw her military forces from Algeria and enter into negotiations with the Provisional Government of Algeria.

The conference appealed to the fourteen other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to urge Fra to stop using NATO arms in the fo year-old Algerian war.

LIT NOTES

A Primer on Fallout, an up-to-d brief study by Walter Schnier, appea as an article in *The Reporter* a few we ago. The author is chairman of Queens (N.Y.) Committee for a S Nuclear Policy. Reprints are availa at 10¢ each from American Frie Service Committee, 237 Third Av New York 3, N. Y.

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An incisive, factual study, *The M itary Chaplaincy and Church-State lations* by John M. Swomley Jr., available in mimeographed form. S plies of the 7-page study are limit copies may be obtained by sending self-addressed, stamped (8¢) envel to: Fellowship Publications, Box 2 Nyack, N. Y.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 2-4. New York AFSC Institute Hudson Guild Farm, Andover, N. Faculty includes Dorothy Day, Jam Farmer, I. F. Stone, Norman J. Wh ney. Write: AFSC, 237 Third Ave., N York 3, N. Y.

Oct. 10. Middle Atlantic FOR Regio Conference at Brethren Center, N Windsor, Maryland. Write: Charles Walker, FOR, Cheyney, Penna.

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